	2001-02		2002-03 (upto June 2002)	
State	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
Kerala	—	0.42	—	0.25
Tamil Nadu	—	1.52	—	0.69

SGRY was started in the year 2001-02.

Selling quota for sugar mills

†1668. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quota which Government have permitted the sugar mills of the Northern India to sell during the last three years, year-wise and mill-wise alongwith the quota and production ratio;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to sell stock of such sugar mills against which crores of rupees of farmers are outstanding in order to make payment to farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) The information is being compiled.

(b) to (d) As per information received from the sugar mills/State Governments, the cane price arrears position for the season 2001-2002 is as under:—

(As on 31.05.2002)
(Rs. in crores)

(i) Cane price payable	—	13228.78
(ii) Cane price paid	—	10889.28
(iii) Balance outstanding	—	2339.50

Government has been making judicious release of freesale sugar to the mills. In addition, Government has also been making advance releases of freesale sugar to the mills in order to enable them to reduce the cane price arrears.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.